

Certaine Prayers
 set foorth by Autho-
 ritie, to be vied for the
 prosperous successe
 of her Maiestties
 Forces and
 Nauy.

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Oft mighty God
and mercifull Fa-
ther, as hitherto
of thyne infinite
goodnes thou hast
very miraculouſ-
ly protected thy
humble Seruant
our Soueraigne
Lady & Queene,

and all vs her ſubiects the people of her
Dominions, frō many dangerous con-
ſpiracies, malicious attempts, and Wic-
ked deſignements of her and our very
obſtinate & implacable enemies : Foral-
much as they ſtil continueing their ma-
lice, & preparing their Forces to aſſaile
vs both by Land & Sea, thou (O Lord)
to Withſtand their furie, haſt ſtirred by
the

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the heart of thine Anoynted our Soue-
raigne, to send out some of her Forces
for our defence: We thine vnworthy ser-
uants doe most humbly beseech thee
through the merites of our Saviour
Christ, so to conduct them, encourage
them, and defend them with thy strong
and mightie arme, as that whatsoener
they shall attempt and take in hand, for
defence of this Realme against her ene-
mies, may prosper and haue most happy
successe. Direct & leade them (O Lord)
in safetie, strengthen their Governours
and Leaders with sound counsell and
valiant resolution. Blesse their conflicts
with notable victories both by Sea and
Land: preserve them from all contagi-
on and mortalitie, either by Worde or
sicknesse, and giue vnto them (O Lord)
if it be thy blessed Will, such an honoura-
ble and happy returne, as may tend to
our defence by confusion of our enemies,
to the renowne & comfort of our So-
ueraigne, to the benefite of thy Church,
to the good of this Kingdome, and to
the prayse and glory of thy most mighty
Name,

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Paine, through Iesu Chast our Lord:
To whome with thee and the holy
Ghost bee ascribed all honour, power,
and dominion, both nowe and for ever.
Amen.



Most mightie GOD,
and Lorde of hostes,
which reignest ouer all
the Kingdomes of the
world, who hast pow-
er in thine hand to saue
thy chosen, & to iudge
thine Enemies, and in all ages hast gi-
uen great and glorious Victories vnto
thy Church, with small handfuls ouer-
throwing great multitudes and terri-
ble Armies: Let thine eares be now at-
tent vnto our prayers, and thy merci-
full eye vpon this Realme & kingdome.
And as of thine vnspeakeable goodnes,
thou hast blessed vs with infinite and
extraordinary blessings, all the yeres of
her Maiesties most happy reigne ouer
vs, and of late hast also myraculously
deliuered vs from sundry the bloody
practises

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practises of our very implacable enemies: So now, we humbly beseech thee (O mercifull Father) to ayde vs with thy mighty Arme in this our present iust cause, waging warre not in pride or ambition of mind, or any other worldly respect, but onely for the necessary defence of Religion, our liues, and Countrey. Be mercifull therefore, O Lord, to our present Forces, and passing ouer both their transgressions and ours, prosper them both by Sea and land. Give our Leaders & companies, the strength of Unicornes, the hearts of Lyons, armes of Steele, hands of iron, and feete of flint, to beate and tread downe all thine enemies and ours. Let thine helpe from aboue at this time strengthen our Navy and Armie, thy mercie overshadowe them, thy power as a wall of fire environ them, thy wisdom direct them, thy prouidence secure them, thine holy Angels garde them, thy Sonne our Lorde Iesus Christ stand by for them, and thy Justice confound, and Ouaile the ouerwhelme all aduersarie power exalting

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ting it selfe against this land and thy Gospel. That all the World may know, that it is thy fauour that prospereth, thy blessing that preserveth, and thine armie that overcommeth in the day of battell. So we that be thy people and sheepe of thy folde, shall sing vnto thy glorie the songs of prayse and thankesgiuing, and magnifie thy goodnesse in the midst of thine holy Temple for ever, through Iesus Christ our Lord, our onely Sauiour and Mediatour. Amen.



Almightie Lorde
God of hostes, it
is thine owne gra-
cious promise, that
when thy people
shall go out to bat-
tell against their
enemies, by the
way y thou shalt
send them, & shall
call vpon thee for thy holy helpe, that
then thou (Lord) wilt heare their pray-
ers in heauen, and iudge their cause. In
assured

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assured trust of this thy good promise,
We present this our supplication before
thee. O Lord iudge thou our cause,
iudge thou betweene vs and our cruell
enemies. Thou seest Lord, that they
first innaded vs, and so doe still conti-
nue, and not wee them: that they first
conspired to root vs out, that we might
be no more a people of English birth, and
that then though thou from heauen
diddest shew thy selfe, in scattering their
proud forces, to be displeased with their
attempt, yet notwithstanding by mightie
preparations at this present they
seeke our ruine still. That which ar-
meth vs, is neither desire of enlarging
our owne borders, nor thirst of blood,
nor raine of spoyle, but onely our owne
iust defence, onely to breake the power
of our enemies, and to turne away the
battell from our owne gates: For that
if we sit still, and suffer them to gather
strength, they will suddenly make a
breach vpon vs, and destroy the mother
with the children. This they seeke. O
Lord, as thou seest, that the heart of
thine

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thine Anointed in all her actions is by-
right before thee, so mainteine thou our
right, & be enemy to our enemies. Great
is their malice (as thou Lord seest) and
great is y^e mischief they intend against
vs. Let not the Wicked haue their de-
sire: O Lord, let not their mischieuous
imaginations prosper, least they be too
proude. And albeit our many and grie-
uous iniquities may testifie against vs,
and iustly deserue, that thou shouldest
make the enemies sword the auenger of
thy couenant which wee haue broken;
Yet deale thou with vs according to thy
mercy, O Lord. we haue sinned, Lord,
doe thou vnto vs what seemeth good in
thine eyes: onely at this time wee pray
thee to succour vs, and not make vs a
scorne and derision to our oppressers.
The rather O Lord, for that wee put
not our trust in any strength of our
owne, but our eyes looke onely to thee.
We know, Lord, the battel is thine, and
that with thee it is nothing to saue with
many, or with few: For that except thou
command the Winds, we can not stirre,

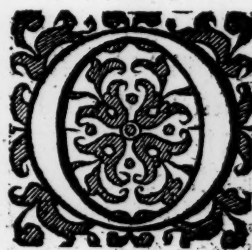
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and except thou blesse with counsell and courage, wee shall not preuaile, and all these are in thine handes to giue or to withholde. Helpe vs, O Lord God, for we rest on thee, and in thy Name go we foorth against these mightie preparations. O Lorde thou art our God, let not man preuaile against thee: let thine arme rise vp, and put on strength to preserve vs now as of olde, even the same arme that was mightie for vs and against them in their former pride and furie.

Wherefore from thy holy Sanctuarie, O Lorde, open thine eyes and behold, incline thine eare and heare the prayer of thy seruants. Goe foorth, O Lord, with our hostes by Sea and by land. Send forth the Windes out of thy treasures to bring them to the place appointed. Take all contagious sicknesse from the middest of them, O Lord the strength of our saluation. Couer their heads in the day of battell. Send thy feare before thy seruants, & make their enemies to flee and fall before them. Let thy

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thy faith (Lord) make them valiant in
battell, and put to flight the Armies of
Aliens. And by this shall we know, O
Lorde, that thou fauourest vs, in that
our enemy doeth not triumph ouer vs,
and shall alwayes confesse to the prayse
of thy Name, that it was thy hand, and
that it was thou, Lord, the shield of our
helpe, and sword of our glory, that hast
done these great things for vs, and ever-
more say, Praised be the Lorde, that
hath pleasure in the prosperitie of his
seruants. heare vs, O Lord for the glo-
rie of thy Name, for thy louing Mercie,
and for thy trueth sake, even for the me-
rites and intercession of our Lord Je-
sus Christ. Amen.

 Eternall G O D, in
power most mightie,
in strength most glori-
ous, Without Whom
the Horse and Chariot
is in vaine prepared a-
gainst the day of battell:
vouchsafe (Wee beseeche thee) from thy
high

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high throne of Maiestie, to heare and receiue the heartie and humble prayers, which on bended knees, wee the people of thy pasture and sheepe of thy handes, doe in an vnfayned acknowledgement of thy might and our owne weakenesse, poynt out before thee on the behalfe of our Gracious Soueraigne, and on the behalfe of her Armes, her Nobles, her Valiants, and men of Warre: Who by thee inspired haue put their liues in their hands, and at this time doe oppose themselves, against the malice and violence of such, as beare a mortall hate at thy Sion, and doe dayly rouse and rise vp against it, euen against the Church, thine Anointed, and the people of this her Land. Arise then (O Lord) and stand by us pray thee, to helpe and defend them: be thou their Captaine to goe in and out before them, and to lead them in this iourney: teache their fingers to fight, and their hands to make battaile. The Generall and Chieftaines blesse with the spirit of wisdom, counsel, and direction: the Souldiers

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Souldiers With mindes ready to per-
forme and execute. Gird them all with
strength, and powre out vpon them the
spirite of courage: giue them in the day
of battell, heartes like the hearts of Li-
ons, inuincible and fearelesse against
euill, but terrible to such as come out a-
gainst them. Where the enemy doeth
rage, and danger approche, be thou (O
Lord) a rocke of saluation, and a tow-
er of defence vnto them. Breake the ene-
mies weapons: As smoke vanisheth, so
let their enemies be scattered, and such
as hate them, flie before them. Thou
seest (O Lord) the malice of our aduer-
saries, holwe for thy Name which is cal-
led on ouer vs, and for the trueth of thy
Gospell wherein we reioyce, they beare
a tyrannous hate against vs, continu-
ally bering and troubling vs, that same
would line in peace. Stirre vp there-
fore (O Lord) thy strength, and auenge
our iust quarrell: turne the sword of our
enemy vpon his owne head, and cause
his delight in warre to become his
owne destruction: As thou hast dealt
with

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With him heretofore, so now scatter his
forces, and spoile his mighty Ships, in
which he trusteth. So shall we the peo-
ple of thine inheritance, giue praise vnto
thy Name, and for thy great mercy giue
shankes vnto thee in the great Congre-
gation: yea, the world shall know, and
the Nations shall vnderstand to the
praise of thy glory, that thou alone de-
fendest them that trust in thee, and gi-
uest victorie vnto Princes. Heare vs (**O**
Lord our strength) in these our prayers
for Iesus Christ his sake. Amen..



Almighty **GOD**,
which onely doest
great woonders,
shewe forth (wee
pray thee) at this
time the power of
thy might, and
the glorie of thy
strength, by pre-
seruing our Armies at Sea and Land,
from death and sickness, and all perils
on the Sea, and by helping them in the
day

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day of battell, against the rage and violence of the Adversarie. Thou seest (O Lord) that not for any worldly respects, but for the defence of this Realme, and the peace of thy Church in it, this iourney is vndertaken, to abate & withstand the pride, and to daunt the insolencies of our enemies, who conspire and bandie themselves against vs, breathing out wrath and vtter subuersion. Arise therefore wee pray thee (O Lord of Hostes) vnto our helpe, & let our enemies feele that thou shalt defendest our iust cause, and in y^e day of battell doest fight for vs. Not in our owne sword, nor in the arme of our owne flesh, doe we put our trust, but our trust is in the multitude of thy mercies, & in the strength of thy mightie Arme, who art God alone. Blesse therefore the Chieftaines & Leaders of our bands, with y^e spirit of wisdom, counsell, and magnanimitie, and the Souldiers with courage and fortitude, to stand vndaunted, and without feare in the day of battell. But as for their enemies, and such as come out against them, cast
C a feare

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a feare & astonishment vpon them, that they may fal, and couer their faces with shame & confusion. That all the worlde may knowe, that thou (O GOD) resistest the proude and wicked men, and that thou auengest the cause of such, as put their trust in thee. Heare vs, O GOD of hostes, euen for Christ his sake our only Saviour and Redeemer. Amen.



O GOD most glorious, the shilde of all that trust in thee, who alone doest sende peace to thy people, and causest warre to cease in all the worlde, Consider the dayly troubles of thy seruants, and beholde the malice of our Aduersaries, who for thy Names sake, which is called on ouer vs, and for the trueth of thy Gospel wherein we reioyce, doe conspire & band them selues against vs, breathing out wrath and bitter subuersion.

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uersion. Many a time hath their Wrath bene kindled, so that they would haue swallowed vs by quicke: but by thy power their purpose hath bene frustrated, their counsels preuented, their preparations ouerthrowen, and we deliuered. Yet, O Lord, their heart is set against vs, still to bere & trouble vs that faine would liue in peace. But for the quiet of thy Church, and that thine enemies may knowe thee to be a God of mercy, cause them to returne at last, and not any longer to hate those whome thou hast loued: Make them to see that their plotts & designements are against thee, who for vs fightest against them, drowning their ships, & casting downe their strong holdes in which they doe trust: that thy Name may be glorified in the day of their conuersion. But if they shall still harden their hearts, and will not vnderstand either our defence, or their owne calamitie to come of thee: Make voyde their deuises, disclose their counsels, discover their secret complots, that in the snare which they haue layd

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for vs, their owne feete may be taken.
Finally, O Lord, whensoever they pre-
pare them selues to battaile, take the
defence of our iust cause into thine hand:
Breake their Nauies, disperse their
Armies, and cast vpon them a feare and
astonishment, that they may trem-
ble at thy presence, and flye before
they be pursued: Graunt this
O Lord our strength euen
for Christ his sake.

Amen...



Eternall God,
Lorde of the
Whole world,
& guide of Sea
and land, who
by thy mightie
power sortest
to what effect
thou wilt, the
Councels and
actions of all men: gratically vouch-
safe to blesse & order vnto happy issue,
the

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the late begunne worke of our gracious
Souveraigne, in the hand of her Nobles
and men of warre, nowe sent out by
Seas, to withstande the Enemies of
her life, her people, and thy Church.
As Guide and Generall of the iourney,
let it please thee (mightie Lorde of
Hostes) to goe in and out before them,
With best fore-windes and straightest
course to speede and prosper them in the
Way. And whē thou hast brought them
to the appointed place, in a pillar of fire
give light to direct their steps, and in a
pillar of a Cloude defend them. But vpon
them thy spirit of Counsell and fortitude,
& vnder the banner of thy power
and protection, let the worke be effected.
Courage and imbolden them in the day
of conflict, to stand vndaunted & without
feare. Make way and opportunitie
for them to attempt with aduantage,
and for thy Names sake graunt (O glorious
God) to their puissant attempts
happy successe in battell, to their battell
a ioyfull victorie, and to their victorie a
safe and triumphant returne. So Will

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We y^e people of thine inheritance, which
nowe pray for the blessing of thy grace
vpon them, praise thy Name for ever,
& together with them ascribe both cause
and glory of the Worke, not to our owne
stréngth, but vnto thy power, who alone
gineest victory in the day of battell:

and for thy great mercies will
giue thanks vnto thee in the
midst of the Cōgregation.

Heare vs, O Father,
euen for Christ his
sake. Amen.

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